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Steve Zipper pays his respects Saturday at a memorial in Parkland, Fla., for the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

On a day when Parkland began burying its young dead, a dozen people stood on a street corner holding up “More Gun Control” signs as passing drivers honked and shouted in support.

“Look what we started,” said Carlos Rodriguez, 50, who was on his way to work when he stopped to join the protest on Friday. “Look at all these people. One match started a whole forest fire.”

This most peaceful and orderly of places has been devastated by the most violent and chaotic of acts. And amid the horse trails, bike paths and gated com-

‘People are angry’: Pain turns political in Parkland after school shooting

Vegas moved on. Sutherland Springs prayed. But Parkland raged.

BY KEVIN SULLIVAN, TIM CRAIG AND WILLIAM WAN

IN PARKLAND, FLA.

munities of a city that prides itself on “country elegance,” the response to a shooting Wednesday that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has been a raw, growing and furious burst of activism and demand for change.

Hundreds of people filled the terrace of the Broward County federal courthouse on Saturday, where their echoing chants of “enough” and “not one more” weren’t solemn — they were seething. None, perhaps, more so than Emma Gonzalez.

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Fla. looked in on Cruz, deemed him low risk

BY MARK BERMAN

Florida’s state social services agency investigated Nikolas Cruz’s home life more than a year before police say he killed 17 people at his former high school, closing the inquiry after determining that his “final level

of risk is low,” despite learning that the teenager had behavioral struggles and was planning to buy a gun, according to an investigative report.

The investigation detailed several unnerving behaviors from Cruz, including that he had cut his arms on Snapchat,

had a Nazi symbol and a racial epithet on his backpack and intended to purchase a gun for unknown reasons, according to a Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) report obtained by The Washington Post. Ultimately, the investigation was closed in November

2016, just months before Cruz bought the AR-15 assault-style rifle that police say he would later use in the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

The state social services probe was the latest in a series FLORIDA CONTINUED ON A15



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Joel Manzanillo, the coach who helped develop Victor Robles, above, said of the outfielder, “He left, but he’s stayed with us.”

The Nationals’ future hasn’t forgotten his past

Outfielder Robles, Washington’s top prospect, stays loyal to his Dominican roots

BY JORGE CASTILLO

IN SANTO DOMINGO ESTE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Victor Robles led the way to the one-room apartment on the corner of Calle 8 and Calle 17, behind a food stand called Cafeteria Estela. A rush of memories followed.

Inside that dark and dank 10-foot-by-10-foot space, he had to picture the bunk bed in one

corner where all three of them slept — Robles and his mother on the bottom bed, his brother on the top — but most everything else was the same. The small bathroom and closet separated by curtains. The door on the side leading to an alleyway. The smell of fried food lingering from the adjacent room.

“We come from a humble family,” Robles said in Spanish. “I saw my mom suffer a lot, and

that was one of the things that motivated me.”

When Robles returned one recent morning, he was a 20-year-old man — a husband and a budding baseball star. He had with him his family and his new wife, Diannelis, whom he married a few months after he became the youngest player to appear in the major leagues in the 2017 season, last September. He wore his Washington Na-

tionals playoff jersey, a crisp white pair of Jordan XIIs and glistening gold jewelry. A stout 6-foot center fielder with a radiant smile, he’s on the cusp of stardom in a foreign land, a future Nationals building block other organizations covet and one who could diminish the sting should Bryce Harper depart in free agency next winter. But, here, he’s still one of them.

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White House assault sank bid to help ‘dreamers’

OFFICIALS TARGETED 1 OF 4 SENATE BILLS

DHS suspected an amnesty, feared a migrant flood

BY DAVID NAKAMURA

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As much of the country was gripped Wednesday by horrific images from the mass shooting at a Florida high school, two dozen senior Trump administration officials worked frantically into the night to thwart what they considered a different national security threat.

The looming danger on the minds of the officials was a piece of legislation scheduled for a vote the next day in the Senate. It was designed to spare hundreds of thousands of young immigrants known as “dreamers” from deportation — but to the men and women huddled in a makeshift war room in a Department of Homeland Security facility, the measure would blow open U.S. borders to lawless intruders.

“We’re going to bury it,” one senior administration official told a reporter about 10:30 that evening.

The assault was relentless — a flurry of attacks on the bill from DHS officials and the Justice Department, and a veto threat from the White House — and hours later, the measure died on the Senate floor.

The Trump administration’s extraordinary 11th-hour strategy to sabotage the bill showed how, after weeks of intense bipartisan negotiations on Capitol Hill, it was the White House that emerged as a key obstacle preventing a deal to help the dreamers.

The episode reflected President Trump’s inability — or lack of desire — to cut a deal with his adversaries even when doing so could have yielded a signature

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To join the troll factory, know the American way

Russians took English tests and studied U.S. politics, employees say

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Not long after Marat Mindiyarov started working at the Internet Research Agency, the Russian troll factory indicted by the U.S. Justice Department on Friday, he began hearing about the coveted “Facebook Department.” There, workers could earn more money and work alongside a younger, hipper crowd. But to gain entry, job candidates had to prove they could seamlessly insinuate themselves into the American political conversation.

The English-language test, which Mindiyarov said he took in December 2014, included a question about vegetarianism and another about Hillary Clinton and the prospect that the Democratic front-runner would win the U.S. presidential election.

Mindiyarov, 43 and a teacher by training, wrote that Clinton had a good chance of winning, and that it would be a remarkable feat, making her the country’s first female president.

His bosses were not impressed.

“You didn’t pass the test,” the woman who administered the exam told him later that day, he said, although it wasn’t clear if

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